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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street SW
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Comment Deadlines Established Regarding the LightSquared Technical Working Group
Report, IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Ms. Dortch:

I am writing to ask your support in promoting LightSquared's efforts to establish a nationwide 4G-LTE broadband wireless network. This important and valuable technological advancement is currently being delayed over fears that it could potentially interfere with GPS signals, many of which rely on older receivers and technology.

LightSquared's efforts would greatly expand our nation's broadband wireless spectrum at a time when demand for wireless data access is just beginning to explode. Ohio, specifically, could use greater access to broadband, given the rural areas throughout the state. This increased access could mean job opportunities, better connection to emergency service providers, and greater benefits for small businesses like those that make up our Association.

America needs to be on the forefront of technological advancement. To do this, the current broadband infrastructure must be vastly improved. While protecting the reliability of our GPS communication is undeniably important, so is access to broadband wireless internet. It is my understanding that LightSquared is willing to work out the interference issues, but that the GPS industry is still causing delays.

Please allow LightSquared to move forward with their efforts for the benefit of not only Ohio, but for our entire country.

Respectfully,

Kathleen E. Bean
President